

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1762

Application No.: 10/765,146

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For: EMULSION AGGREGATION PROCESS FOR FORMING CURABLE POWDER  
COATING COMPOSITIONS, CURABLE POWDER COATING COMPOSITIONS  
AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

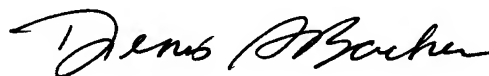
In reply to the July 5, 2007 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect  
Group I, claims 1-16 and 21-38, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-38 is sufficiently  
related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would  
encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. This it is respectfully  
submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without  
serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an  
entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the  
merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis  
added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in  
order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by  
the Patent Office.

Applicants further submit that upon allowance of the elected claims 1-16 and 21-38, withdrawn claims 17-20, directed toward the process of using the product and dependent from elected claims, should be rejoined with the application and similarly allowed.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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